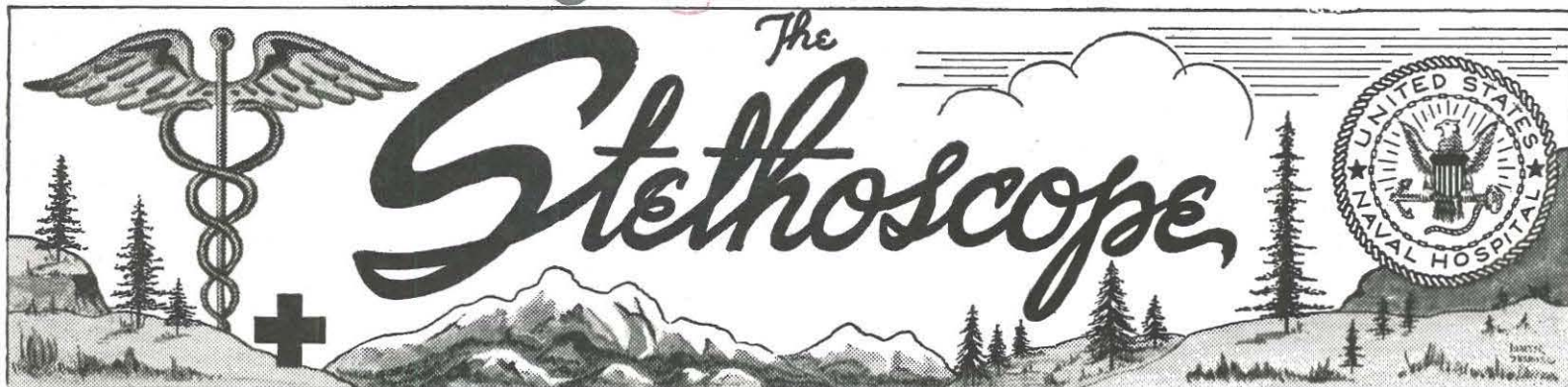




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HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION IS UNDER WAY

Citations Presented Staff Members



Shown above are five members of the staff, Lucien Alexander Pelland, PhM1c; Donald Chase McDermond, PhM3c; Leon Thomas Lueth, PhM2c; Clarence Edward Myers, PhM2c, and Robert Earl Dakin, PhM3c, who were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation by Executive Officer Captain French R. Moore.

Honored during the past week were a group of staff Pharmacist's Mates who served with the Second Marine Division (Reinforced). They were presented with the Presidential Unit Citation and ribbon bar with bronze star for outstanding performance in combat during the seizure and occupation of the Japanese-held atoll of Tarawa, Gilbert Island, November 20 to 24, 1943.

Among those honored were Leon Thomas Lueth, PhM2c, USN; Donald Chase McDermond, PhM3c, USNR; Clarence Edward Myers, PhM2c, USNR; Robert Earl Dakin, PhM3c, USN; Chief Pharmacist Mate Elmer Edward Bond, USN; Lucien Alexander Pelland, PhM1c, and Wayne George Rhodes, PhM3c, USN, Ward 8.

A second group of staff men to receive the Presidential Unit Citation for the same action included: Dudley Victor Wright, PhM1c, USNR; James Lylborn Youngblood, PhM2c, USNR; Daniel Edward Koch, PhM1c, USNR; and Joseph Wesley Mudd, Jr., PhM2c, USN.

Wave Officer Leaves For Duty in Georgia

Coming as a surprise were the orders which last week removed from the staff Wave Officer Lt. (jg) Corinne Q. Way.

Miss Way reported to this station 5 August, 1943, after completing officer candidate school. Since that time she has been assistant in the physical medicine department. A graduate of the physical medicine department of Harvard University, Miss Way was employed previously to entering the service, in Florida and Ohio and in private practice.

Her new post in the U. S. Naval Hospital in Dublin, Ga., will bring her close to her home in Brunswick, Ga., at which place she was visiting on leave when her orders arrived for transfer.

Sag Harbor, L. I. (CNS)—Mrs. Adaline Judd celebrated her 100th birthday with this observation: "Don't you worry about these bobby sox kids. This talk of juvenile delinquency caused by the war is

Dependents' Unit, Quarters For Nurses, Waves Contracted

With Bureau approval on the new Dependents' Hospital and the awarding of contracts, work is now underway and progressing on the construction of several big additions to the hospital compound. New buildings include nurses' and Waves' quarters and an addition to the pump house.

Primary construction is the 120-bed Dependents' hospital unit which will be located on the pine-covered hill at the north end of the station just beyond the tennis courts. Overlooking the compound and with a beautiful scenic view, the new hospital unit will face the south with approximately a 360-foot frontage and will be about 300 feet in depth. The project work is under the direction of Lt. Cmdr. W. J. H. Nelson, public works officer.

To be constructed in a one-story style conforming with the other station buildings, the dependent's unit will be comprised of five wings, accommodating 120 patients in two-room wards and will have a 60-basinette nursery and pediatrics department. In addition there will be laboratories, surgery, and facilities for laundry, power and storage, galley and dining rooms for staff and help.

According to Lt. Cmdr. Nelson, the new buildings will be of so-called temporary type construction, although they will be as permanent as many permanent structures in this area. The release of more critical materials and the availability of some materials not heretofore obtainable will allow better construction.

Already trees have been uprooted on the site of the new building and the clearing of debris is going forward. Excavation for the unit will begin as soon as possible.

Located under the No. 1 wing will be a basement for laundry, drying and storage facilities. In this wing will be housed the surgery, admission rooms, utility rooms, doctor's offices and will contain two-bed wards. Wing two will contain obstetric delivery rooms and the basinette nursery.

poppycok. The children were worse in my time than they are today."

Wing three, the center building will contain the administration offices, commissary unit including galley and dining rooms for staff and help, laboratories, X-Ray, record offices, pharmacy, office of the head nurse and examination and treatment rooms.

Both wings four and five will be devoted to ward rooms complete with gear lockers, the doctors' offices and in wing four will be a department devoted to pediatrics.

Wave, Nurses' Quarters

Now under construction is the new Wave barracks annex which will house approximately 48 Waves when completed. Excavation for the new structure is being completed and the framework going up. To be connected to the present Wave barracks by a passageway, the new annex will face the west. Built similarly to the present quarters, the sleeping accommodations will be in cubicle style. The basement will contain a recreation room, storage space, laundry, pressing and drying rooms.

Excavation has also been started on the new Nurses' Quarters annex which will be an H-type building of two wings, one to contain a basement recreation room similar to that now located in the Waves quarters. Being constructed to the south of the present nurses' quarters, it will be connected to the main quarters by a passageway.

The basement recreation room will be situated in the east end of the south wing. The new annex will contain 40 bed rooms, plus necessary gear rooms, laundry facilities, and drying room.

The boiler house addition contained in the current building contract will facilitate the handling of the additional utility load incurred by the new construction on the compound.

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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

One of the great opportunities offered to the patients and personnel of this station are the facilities with which to continue their education. A characteristic common to all, is that service men and women have had their education interrupted, and when peace is won, many will be anxious to pick up their former lives where they left off with as little sacrifice as possible. In order to do this you should start to prepare for a life work by utilizing some of your idle time.

In 1940, men and women between the ages of 16 and 20 years, of whom you were a part, formed the greatest number of students in our schools. A breakdown as to ages is as follows: 16 to 17 years of age totaled in the United States, 4,892,000. Of this age group, 3,361,206 were attending school, or 66.7 per cent. In the 18 to 19 year-old group, which totaled 5,018,834, 1,449,485, or 28.9 per cent, were attending school. The 20-year-olds totaled 2,367,042, with 294,962, or 12.5 per cent in schools.

As one studies this group it is noted that a great drop is evident between high school and college age, due to more and more men and women entering some trade or business.

At the present time, the Educational Department offers courses in almost every field of endeavor, including subjects with which to finish high school, obtain credits toward a college degree or subjects in vocational courses to fit the person for betterment in previous jobs.

Our library has 6,000 books and 200 periodicals that are for your use for the asking.

Anyone is free to choose among the many alternatives before them. Education, however, can increase the number of those choices and can make their recognition positive. The worst artist knows least well what things he is free to do and has the poorest mental equipment for making decisions. The courage to make decisions and so to risk failure on the heroic or tragic level, is something else that depends on knowledge or upon wisdom. Wisdom is the final sign that we have become natural, that our decisions are our own and our allegiance to our fellow-man and country are not compulsory, but normal.

F. H. WANAMAKER, (MC) USNR
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Ward 28 Patient Gets Bronze Star



Edward Curtis Nelson, HA1c, patient on Ward 28, who celebrated his 20th birthday on 7 April, was presented with the Bronze Star medal in a ceremony on his ward at inspection 6 April by Commanding Officer Captain F. C. Hill.

Nelson, who hails from St. Paul, Minn., is recovering from chest wounds received in action on the Peleliu Island. He has been in the Navy since 1 July, 1943.

For service with the Fleet Marine Force, the hospital corpsman's citation sets forth the following: "For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, on 16 September, 1944. Hospital Apprentice First Class Nelson, serving as a corpsman with a Marine Infantry Battalion, was sent from the battalion aid station to the front lines to treat and evacuate several wounded Marines. Having successfully completed his mission, he volunteered to remain in the front line rather than return to the battalion aid station. Later, a wounded Marine was observed lying in a very exposed position. With complete disregard for his own safety, Nelson crawled forward under intense enemy fire and administered first aid to the wounded man. While working over his comrade he himself was critically wounded. His courageous conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Hospital Is Recipient Of Gift of Cigarettes

Many patients and staff personnel heard the recent radio broadcast in which it was stated that the Seattle Naval Hospital patients were going to receive 5,000 Camel cigarettes from the Thanks to the Yanks program.

Confirmation of the above gift has been received by the Commanding Officer, and the cigarettes are on their way. They will be distributed to the patients on their arrival by the welfare and recreation officer.

Chaplains Corner

DIVINE SERVICES

Hospital Chapel
CATHOLIC
Chaplain John Lane
Sunday Masses.....0620 and 0930
Weekday Mass0620 Daily
Novena Service.....Tuesday 1800
Confessions: Heard before all masses

PROTESTANT

Chaplains.....W. Boyd Thrift
Lloyd A. Doty
Divine Services.....1030
Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 1700

TODAY ONLY

One of the things that some of us learned in the tropics was the fact that you can live only one day at a time. We'd heard that this was true, but here we were forced to see its wisdom. Yesterday was finished and done with. We might suffer for the mistakes we made yesterday, but we couldn't change yesterday. It was gone.

Neither could we do much about tomorrow. Tomorrow we might get malaria, or walk under a falling bomb, or stop a sniper's bullet, or get orders to go home. This last was a remote possibility, so we didn't think much about it. But, anyway, tomorrow was an unknown quantity.

But today—that was different. We were alive, we had work to do, duties to perform, problems to solve, bridges to build, foxholes to dig, tents to pitch, Spam to eat. There was plenty to do and most of it had to be done now, not tomorrow. The things we were doing could make tomorrow a bit more pleasant, but we couldn't do them tomorrow. We had to do them today.

When you come right down to it, that's a healthy way to be. Most people who are emotionally or mentally sick are people who can't forget about their mistakes of yesterday, or who are afraid of the trouble and anxiety tomorrow may bring. They are people who don't know how to live today. But the folks who have a healthy attitude toward life are people who, whether they realize it or not, are following Jesus' advice: "Be not anxious for the morrow." W.B.T.

New Interne Aboard

Lt. (jg) H. N. Cogburn (MC) USNR, has reported at the hospital for duty as an interne. Dr. Cogburn, recently completed his work in the medical school at the University of Tennessee.

Letter of Commendation

A letter of commendation was presented last week to Lt. (jg) Spencer G. Bostwick, a patient on SOQ-D, for his work aboard the USS Reid. Congratulations, Lt. Bostwick.

Married at Tacoma

Of interest to station readers is the announcement of the marriage of Wave Betty Meserve, HA1c, patient on Ward 32, formerly of the staff here and recently transferred to Lake Union, and Roy Wood, civilian employe at the hospital garage. Their marriage took place 11 April at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Louis Muscek, in Tacoma, with Judge Card officiating. Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hein of Tacoma.

District Chaplains Meet For Regular Conference

Chaplains of the Thirteenth Naval District are scheduled to hold their regular monthly conference at the Seattle Naval Hospital today (18 April).

Approximately 25 chaplains will be present for the meeting which will feature a tour of the hospital compound, and speaking program.

Buy War Bonds

NEW LIBERTY CARD SYSTEM IS BAPTISMAL FOUNT AT CHAPEL AID TO PERSONNEL, MAIN GATE

By this time you have probably become quite familiar with the new system of Liberty Cards, put into effect on the hospital station as of 11 April, following a Bureau order for such action on all stations.

Liberty cards and not identification cards will be used by

Plastic Binoculars Pass Rigid Testing

Washington.—A new plastic material meeting the rigid requirements of military use has recently made its appearance in a combat binocular, designed and developed by the United States Naval Observatory. Extensive tests have shown the combat binocular to have the characteristics demanded in a general-purpose binocular, particularly for severe service conditions where ordinary binoculars fail to stand up.

The revolutionary features of the combat binocular include extreme resistance to fungus growth, resistance to the corrosive effects of salt water and air, effective waterproofness when submerged to depths of over 100 feet, sturdy mechanical construction, and fixed adjustment of focusing and interpupillary distance settings. These characteristics make the instruments exceptionally well suited to the rough use encountered in the tropics, in amphibious operations, and in submarines.

The plastic binocular is capable of withstanding far more shock than an aluminum binocular. The resistance of the plastic material to the penetration of moisture and fungus provides additional important advantages which have become increasingly apparent with the extension of military operations into wet and swampy areas.



Five o'clock shadow

SMITH

Shore Patrol men to determine the liberty status of enlisted personnel and may be taken up by them when making arrests, cancelling liberty or returning an offender to his ship or station.

Each officer and enlisted person shall carry in his or her possession at all times one and one only identification card which shall not be used as liberty cards. Identification cards shall not be taken from the person to whom issued, except for purposes of investigation.

Under the direction of the Security Officer, the new files of staff personnel and patients have been installed at the Main Gate and the checking in and out on liberty via the Liberty Card method is under way providing a more efficient, quicker method of checking personnel.

In explaining the new Liberty Card system, it was made known that staff chiefs and first class petty officers having every night liberty will keep their cards on their persons at all times unless restricted.

The Blue Liberty Cards, denoting 1530 liberty, are assigned to ward corpsmen and to staff on special details, rating other than regular liberty hours.

Green Liberty Cards are assigned to staff personnel having 1630 liberty privileges and to special detail workers other than ward corpsmen. First class petty officers will carry their liberty cards and upon showing their card and I.D. card will be checked out the gate.

Second class petty officers and those of lower rates on port and starboard watches will pick up their Liberty Cards at the main gate at the time the detail liberty commences upon presentation and verification of their I.D. cards. Upon returning to the base the cards will be surrendered at the gate.

All liberty cards must be turned in at the gate by 0745. The loss of a Liberty Card will entail automatic liberty restriction for 10 days.

Liberty Cards are also issued to patients rating inside and outside detail liberty. These will be orange in color and will be picked up by the patients at the gate upon verification and presentation of their I.D. cards. The cards will be issued at the time the detail liberty commences and surrendered to the gate house upon return to the station. Patient Liberty Cards will be numbered differently each day.

Nurses, in the future will not be required to submit ward liberty lists other than for patients on regular patients' liberty which is in effect only on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The patient liberty lists will be submitted to the main gate in duplicate



CARL FOSS

Hours of patient, painstaking work went into the construction of the new baptismal fount which now graces the Chapel on the Hill. Latest addition to the chapel equipment was constructed by Carl Foss, civilian employe in the Maintenance Department. Mr. Foss is a pioneer on the hospital grounds, having been employed here since May 1942. His handwork is also

represented in the pulpit in the present chapel. He also built the altar which was formerly used in the auditorium before the present chapel was constructed.

According to Mr. Foss the new baptismal fount is constructed of 222 separate pieces of birchwood. It matches the other hardwood furnishings of the chapel.

Staff Officer Arrives

Lt. Cmdr. Milan F. McKinney (MC) USNR, reported here for duty on the staff last week. Dr. McKinney entered the Navy recently and the Seattle hospital is his first station. He formerly practiced in Oklahoma City, Okla.

by 1000 the day of the patient liberty.

Outside detail liberty will be rated only through the Outside Detail office and patients must be scheduled in order to rate this liberty. Inside detail liberty will be controlled by the wards.

Hospital Waves On Theatre Program

It was two years ago when the Seattle Naval hospital sang out with "Here Comes the Waves," and now with the moving picture by the same name playing in Seattle, the hospital Waves are represented on the stage program at the Paramount selling recruits on the idea of joining up.

Representing the hospital on the stage program are Lillian LaRocque, HA1c, whose entertainment ability in the dance line is well known to the hospital personnel; Dorothy Lowery, PhM3c, whose lovely voice has been featured on several programs here, and Dorothy Woodis, HA1c, accompanist.

SPORTS

GEORGE NASH, SPORTS EDITOR

Softball Plans Made At Organization Meet

At an organization meeting held 10 April, plans were laid for the forthcoming station varsity softball season. The team is to be entered in the Northwest Service Men's League, which includes teams from Sand Point NAS, Coast Guard Operating Base, Coast Guard Repair Yard, Camp Jordan and one other Army team. This will be a tough league and an interesting season is forecast.

The league starts play 26 April but as yet the hospital's first opponent has not been selected. Games will be played on city diamonds with a chance that some may be played under the lights.

Practice on the station started Thursday, 12 April and will continue every day until the start of the season. There will probably be a few practice games played before the regular season starts.

Chief Specialist Gil Hodgins, who formerly coached the Dearborn Naval Station team at Detroit, Mich., is coaching the local team and has issued an invitation to all men interested to try out for positions. League regulations state that only one officer is eligible for the team, consequently the enlisted men will carry the station colors.

HOSPITAL RIFLE TEAM DROPS SHOOT TO FORT

Members of the Naval Hospital Rifle Team dropped a total point score to the No. 1 Fort Lawton team in the meeting held at the armory 5 April. High shooting score for the hospital team was done by R. L. Windom with 171 points.

Naval Hospital

Windom, R. L.	171
Gibbs, T. W.	135
Barton, H. D.	164
Walker, H. P.	128
Josephson, J.	166
Boone, A. S.	140

Fort Lawton

Capt. M. L. Moore	182
S/Sgt. C. K. Zinn	171
Lt. Sullivan	171
Pfc. Reese	162
Pfc. Kolster	191

France (CNS)—A couple of Kansas men were talking over post-war employment prospects.

"What was your job before the war?" asked Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Chief, a citizen of Abilene, of Pfc Rolla Ummel, Ness City.

"Farming," said Ummel.

"How about giving me a job after the war," Gen. Eisenhower suggested.

"I don't know sir, but I'll keep you in mind," Ummel promised.

Wave Softball Team To Enter District Tourney

The Hospital will enter a Waves' Softball team in the forthcoming round-robin softball tournament of the Women's Service Athletic and Recreational Organization for the Seattle and Bremerton areas. The organization is sponsored by the Thirteenth Naval District Welfare and Recreation Office. The tournament starts 10 May and will continue until 16 August.

Enlisted personnel only is allowed to participate and it is hoped that a creditable team will be formed by the Waves on this station. The official softball rules of the National Section on Women's Athletics will govern the league and Army and Navy athletic facilities will be used, when possible.

More news on the league and details may be secured from Lt. Ross, Athletic officer.

Waves Pass Second Class Swimming Tests

Approximately one-fifth of the total number of Waves on the compound have passed their second class swimming tests, during the past two months.

Recent additions to the list of qualified swimmers are: L. Schultz, H. Martin, D. Pierce, B. Smith, D. Doodis, O. Wood, R. Stratton, H. Norquist, B. Max, P. Lovejoy, M. Moulton, B. Melichar, J. Lynch, M. Herzog, D. Grasse, L. Maulding, D. Lowery, J. McGraw, M. Koefod, C. Woulfe, C. Watson, N. Simms, H. Schmid, J. Plona, M. Murphy, S. McGosley, C. Leonard, M. Jones, E. Hermann, D. Henkelman, H. Gilbert, M. Chafee, C. Celaric, H. Ave Lallemand, and Ensigns Schrack and Fitzgerald.

Golfers Reminded To Sign Up for League

Golfers are reminded of the forthcoming golf league plans which were announced last week. It is hoped that a large number will enter in order to insure a more spirited competition.

Come on you golfers, here's a chance for everyone to have fun while improving your game. Get your entries in to the Athletic Department on the double.

Kenmore, N. Y. (CNS)—Latest gag thought up by Kenmore high school students is a hot one, indeed. Harried druggists report that the boys line up in front of their cigar counters in fake cigarette queues in order to lure unsuspecting but smoke-hungry customers into falling in behind them.

Present Record Players to Hospital



Shown in the above picture are two of the patients on Ward 2, admiring the electric record player, one of the many presented to the hospital by the Seattle Rotary Club and the Seattle Purple Heart Society. From left to right are shown, R. F. Nuzum, AS V-12; George Wagner, representing the Rotary Club; Mr. Surrey of the Purple Heart Society, and Patient G. E. Barker, S2c.

Know Your Officers



LT. HYMAN ALEXANDER
Patients on Wards 27 and 28 are familiar with the above picture. Lt. Hyman Alexander is ward medical officer on those wards. Formerly stationed at the Naval Station, Dr. Alexander was transferred here recently.

DID YOU KNOW—

1. That the Athletic gear locker is open daily until dark in order that athletic gear may be checked out for use on the athletic facilities.
2. Anyone may have their tennis rackets restrung for just the cost of the material. Take them to the Athletic Gear Locker.
3. That the athletic field is available for department or group practice of games. Time allotments may be arranged by calling Lt. Ross, Ext. 227.

Buy War Bonds

FEM SOFTBALL LEAGUE TO FORM ON STATION

Entries in the Intra-Station Softball League have started rolling in and departments are urged to appoint managers and turn in their entries.

Already entries have been received from the Education Department, Storeroom No. 2, Rehabilitation Department and an Officer's Team. As stated before, all staff personnel will be allowed to play and those playing on the varsity squad are permitted to play on department or group teams.

Another feature of the organization is the formation of a league for women on the station. The Athletic Department for the staff is endeavoring to form a four-team intramural league on the station composed of teams made up of nurses, and cadets and two Wave teams.

The women's league will function the same as the men's league and the station diamond will be available for play. All teams are requested to organize and turn in entries to the Athletic department.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In compliance with Naval regulations, The Stethoscope publishes in advance, all general and local elections throughout the United States. This will enable each man to request ballots from his home state in sufficient time to execute his or her voting privilege. Post cards will be furnished by the Hospital Voting Officer, Lt. P. Thompson, in the recreation office. All post cards must be addressed to their respective Secretary of State requesting an absentee ballot.

MICHIGAN: A municipal primary election will be held in the City of Detroit on 7 August, 1945.

OREGON: A special statewide referendum will be held 22 June 1945 on two tax measures.

Correspondent Calls Corpsmen "Unarmed Samaritans in Hell"

USNH, Aiea Heights, T. H. (HCQNS)—A tribute to the work of the medical officers and hospital corpsmen on Iwo Jima was paid by Keith Wheeler, wounded war correspondent for the Chicago Times and NANA, in an exclusive article written for Hospital Hi-Lites, station newspaper here.

Wheeler wrote "most of us war reporters suffer from a quaint and unfortunate notion that the only heroes worth writing about are those who kill a lot of Japanese—in consequence of which I suspect we miss a lot of good copy."

"Since 1:30 p.m. February 20, on Iwo's beach I have been on the receiving end of a demonstration of my error. It is time, I think, for me to rise and testify and to nominate as my special heroes of this war the medical personnel, both Navy and Army, who serve with the armed forces."

"This goes for all of them—the doctors, hospital corpsmen, nurses, litter bearers all the way from the bloody beaches to the rearmost base hospitals—but especially the combat hospital corpsmen and surgeons who land with combat troops on hostile beaches."

"They are not combat troops. They are unarmed samaritans in hell whose function is to salvage life, not take it. I don't know how many of Iwo's wounded have reached Aiea by now, but I'll bet you can walk through the wards of this hospital today and get a thousand eager testimonials to the selfless courage with which that function has been performed."

"I was driven out of Iwo before I had much opportunity to observe what was happening to other people and so I do not know how great were the casualties among the doctors and hospital corpsmen. But—knowing how they work and having earlier seen such beaches as Tarawa, Kwajalein, Saipan and Guam—I'll hazard that the medical department casualties were higher proportionately than in any other class including the frontline assault troops."

"It is a peculiarity of their work that almost never can they practice their saving arts in anything like safety. The places where men are getting hit are always dangerous. And it's an unfortunate fact that a hospital corpsman or doctor can't give plasma to a wounded man and keep personally under cover at the same time."

"Nor can stretcher bearers carry a casualty out of an area under fire without standing up and taking it. And frequently they get it, as the casualty lists will show."

"For other people one brief inspired act of heroism is enough. For the medics it is necessary to act with quiet, patient, drudging heroism every hour of every day and night. For them there'll never be thanks enough."

NURSES' NOTES

LT. (jg) ROSE THORNTON, N. C.

Welcome aboard to five more nurses who have arrived in the past week: Lt. (jg) P. Hogan and Ens. H. B. Miller from USNH, Corona, Calif.; Lt. (jg) I. Dowd from the U.S. Naval Dispensary, San Diego, Calif.; Lt. (jg) R. Dixon from USNH Shoemaker, Calif., and Lt. (jg) R. Bean from USNH, San Leandro, Calif.

Rest period is over, girls! Swimming practice and tests were resumed on 10 April. P.M. nurses will go at 0900 and A.M. nurses at 1500, every Tuesday.

Nashville, Tenn. (CNS)—Someone introduced a bill in the Tennessee legislature which would prohibit women from using lip-stick under penalty of a 10-year prison sentence. P.S. The bill won't be passed.

First Wave Leaves



Gertrude Salzberg, PhM1c

No. 1 Wave on the Seattle Naval Hospital was Gertrude Salzberg, only PhM1c among the enlisted Waves, who left recently for her new duties at the Epidemiology Unit in Seattle. Gert has been back to her former home several times since leaving. She served here for nearly two years in the laboratory, being the first Wave to arrive at the Seattle hospital for duty.



By Kay Daly, PhM3c

To all who are not aware of the fact, B. J. Miller goes by the name of Ingalls. In fact, she has a handsome husband on Ward 2 to prove it and a first wedding anniversary was celebrated the 10th of this month. Many more for you, Betty and Glenn.

Wonder why Livvie Wood suddenly shows a sudden interest in airplanes??? Etc.

After much stress and strain on the part of our male corpsmen, the Wave quarters sport new metal bunks. Not bad, especially if one suffers from high altitudes. . . .

Gals, have you seen the new seer-sucker overseas caps? Snarky is the word! They really are eye-catchers.

Orchids to Dottie Lowery on that beautiful bit of vocalizing she's been doing here, there and the other places.

If "C" wing is a bit on the sad and dejected side these days you can chalk it up to the absence of Place, the little morale builder. Marge's friends miss her antics and wish her the best at her new station . . . and that goes for the rest of the movers.

A regular style show of what's right for the spring bride is being offered almost daily at the barracks. Latest on the list to display a beautiful sparkler is Judy Allworth who has set 5 May as the date for her marriage to Benny Amundson, formerly of this station, now at Bremerton. Big events are also being planned by LaRocque, Pherson, and Chandler. This week saw Lucille Reynolds change the prefix from Miss to Mrs. but the last name stays the same. . . . Much better that way, saves on paper work.

How about a big hand for Miss Hussey, Wave Barracks Officer, who with the assistance of the M.A.'s is doing a fine job of pleasing "most of the people, most of the time."

Bar Nurses, HC Officers From Routine Tasks

Washington, D. C. (HCQNS)—A reduction in the assignment of Navy nurses and Hospital Corps officers to "non-technical and routine tasks" was directed by Rear Admiral W. C. Agnew (MC) USN, Acting Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

Hospitals will utilize this personnel in technical, professional, supervisory or administrative positions and assign civilians to routine tasks wherever possible.

Melodettes Entertain Ward Patients



By day these girls are hard working bank clerks and by night they are hard working entertainers, and by Sunday you would think they would be ready for a rest, but instead they are regular visitors at the Naval Hospital where they donate their talents for the entertainment of the boys on the wards here.

Pictured above on Ward 28 are the Melodettes, the Misses Lorellen Weaver, Dollie Woods and Shirley Sluss, who represent the First National Bank of Seattle on the regular Sunday entertainment programs here. The trio is featured on the programs at Melody Lane and when the above picture was snapped they were doing a fine job of entertaining patients E. F. Dwyer, F2c; E.

P. Kaja, Qm2c; A. Sammarco, Cox., and bed patients Cpl. Jessie Green and H. J. Avila, S1c.

As a part of their contribution to the war effort, a group of Seattle banks have been listed on the Ward Entertainment program at the hospital here for over a year. According to Lt. P. Thompson, hospital welfare and recreation officer, the bank employees have been faithful contributors to the hospital bringing to the patients, musical programs, entertainment, gifts and on wards where it is approved by the ward medical officers, refreshments.

The hospital patients wish to convey their heartfelt thanks to the entertainers and those who make the programs and entertainment possible.



The West Coast fishing industry had better look to its laurels . . . competition is springing up in the form of the Duncan Fish Co. The battle cry of Dr. Duncan is "Fresh Fish." Place your orders early.

Some day there will be a book written on the proper way to mount a jeep . . . the author is likely to be no other than Fire Chief Stover.

Judy had an anxious moment recently when her Benny missed the last ferry to Bremerton. Sure 'tis somethin' to have him back in this part of the country, but he has to travel about 25 miles for those dates.

No. 1 question mark in the book this week is WHEN will that cute little civilian that works out here and her tall handsome corpsman announce the big news. Why keep us waiting?

Best of luck to the large number of hospital corpsmen who left this past week for San Bruno, Portsmouth, Corvallis and other points. We'll miss you. Hope you like the new duty.

How about someone finding out the lowdown on those nightly telephone calls the HCQ's favorite bachelor chief has been receiving?

Chief: "Now, if you stood with your back to the north and your face to the south, what would be on your left hand?"

Boot: "Fingers."

Doctor: "Drink water freely; it will keep you from getting stiff in the joints."

Patient: "But, doctor, some of the joints don't serve water."

Proud parent on meeting the new first grade teacher; "I am very happy to know you, Miss Smith. I am the father of the twins you are going to have next September."

"How are you this morning?"

"All right."

"Well, you ought to notify your face."

New Prizes Offered In Tall Tale Contest

Twenty additional prizes of \$5 each have been added to the ten \$10 runner-up awards and \$250 first prize previously announced in the Kate Smith Tall Tale Contest. This makes a weekly total of \$50 given to hospitalized servicemen by Kate Smith. The \$250 yarn is read on her program, the Kate Smith Hour over KIRO, Seattle, Sunday afternoons at 1600.

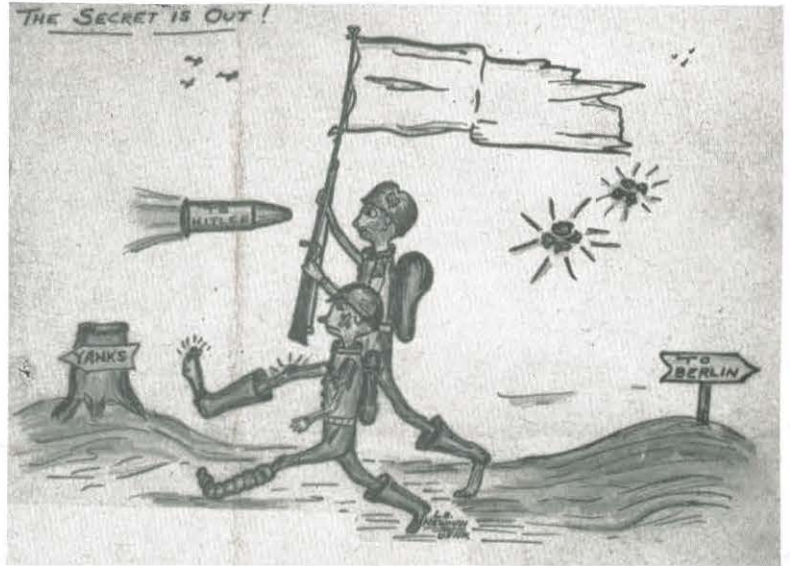
Writer of the most fantastic whopper of the year will receive a grand prize of \$1,000 at the end of her broadcasting season, 10 June.

The Tall Tale Contest is open to all servicemen in Army, Navy and Marine hospitals in the United States. Entries should be addressed to Kate Smith in care of Radio Station KIRO, Seattle 1, Wash.

Ads 'n Stuff

LOST: Copy of the book "This Is On Me," by Katherine Brush. Ironically the book was lost in the mess hall. If "This Is On Me" is on you, please return same to Kay Aldrich in Patients' Personnel.

LOST: On the hospital compound, I.D. card belonging to M. J. Bradford. Finder please return to Wave Barracks.



Rudolph—"Vat's the white flag for?"

Fritz—"It's Der Fuhrer's new secret weapon to end the War!"

IN THE LIBRARY

New York State's recent passage of the Ives-Quinn Bill, which bans job discrimination because of race, creed or color, is a straw in the window for future social legislation. At any rate, knowledge concerning one of the most serious post-war domestic problems, race relations, may help to bring about a better understanding of it. The following books are available in the hospital library:

Gunnar Myrdal's AN AMERICAN DILEMMA is a comprehensive work on Negroes and modern democracy. SHAKE HANDS WITH THE DRAGON is Carl Glisk's delightful account of the Chinese in America. Emil Jordan's AMERICANS, is concerned with America, the melting pot. This general account discusses each group briefly and concludes with a chapter on the North American and his political, religious and social heritage. JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVILIZATION, by Cecil Roth is a compact catalog of the often forgotten work done by Jews in discovery, invention and creation.

PAY HOURS LISTED FOR STAFF PERSONNEL

Enlisted staff personnel on the station are reminded that a schedule of pay hours has been effected for your benefit on pay days. The schedule has been so worked out by the Disbursing Officer to efficiently handle the pay line in the least possible time.

The following are the pay hours: Chief Petty Officers, A to Z, 0745; Waves: A to C, 0800; D to F, 0803; G to J, 0805; K to L, 0808; M, 0811; N to P, 0814; Q to S, 0817; T to Z, 0820. V-12 students, including patients, if any, A to Z, 0825.

Other enlisted personnel: A, 0830; B, 0835; C, 0840; D, 0843; E and F, 0845; G, 0849; H, 0852; I and J, 0858; K, 0900; L, 0902; M, 0905; S, 0918; T and V, 0928; W through Z, 0930.

Kadette Kapers

Hoffman has the ideal explanation as to what is going on outside of the Cadet Quarters these days—digging for worms, of course.

By the way, Miss Braun, the eyes have it—when they are open.

The trip to Bremerton entitles our Cadets to brush the salt off their shoulders. Did anyone else notice Miss Andrews down on both knees? It was a trip that will be long remembered by all.

Jitterbug with a capital J is Brody—one of the "roll up the rug" sessions proved that. A late fire drill proved exciting for the new Cadets who couldn't imagine quite what was coming off. This sudden interest in the zoo—amazing isn't it?

"Oh, he floats through the air with the greatest of ease," How about that, Surgess?

Expect to see Culp and Larson just like toothpicks any of these days . . . its those nightly exercises. Zellmer, when your horse decides to sit in a puddle of water, just what does one do?

Welcome Miss Goletti, who just arrived.

TIPS ON THE PIX

Recreation Auditorium

Shows at 1730 and 1930

WEDNESDAY, 18 APRIL—

No Show.

THURSDAY, 19 APRIL—

"COUNTER-ATTACK"

Paul Muni and Marguerite Chapman.

FRIDAY, 20 APRIL—

"MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS"

Judy Garland and Margaret O'Brien.

1930, Bishop and Clark Stage Show.

SATURDAY, 21 APRIL—

"THE BODY SNATCHER"

Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi.

HELP, CORPSMEN!



The garage gang recently took time out to practice a bit of first aid and herewith demonstrate "what not to do in an emergency." The unhappy victim of all the attention Wave ? ? ? ? J. G. Davis, PhM2c, ran for the water; G. A. Spence, PhM2c, is the pulse taker; A. H. Berg, PhM3c, is lending moral support, and R. M. Hyatt, PhM3c, lends a light—or is he taking temperatures? Most thing we liked was the life preserver; just goes to show ya, they're in the Navy.

Friday the 13th didn't touch me! "Tank"